

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2306 - SB 2654

February 13, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a general sessions judge to appoint a referee, subject to the approval of the county legislative body, to hear cases involving forcible entry and detainer between landlord and tenant over which the general sessions court has jurisdiction. Authorizes a general sessions judge, or a referee, to issue a warrant for the removal of a tenant's property immediately and without the 14 to 30 days notice if the landlord can prove to the satisfaction of the court that the tenant abandoned the property.

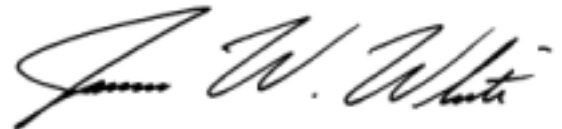
ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000/Permissive

Assumes counties approving the appointment of a referee will have an increase in local government expenditures for the salary, benefits, and operational costs of the position.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director